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In re Patent Application of:  
Mineo Yamakawa et al.

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Art Unit: 1797

For: MICROFLUID MOLECULAR-FLOW  
FRACTIONATOR AND BIOREACTOR WITH  
INTEGRATED ACTIVE/PASSIVE  
DIFFUSION BARRIER

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Examiner: P. K. Wright

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Further to the Amendment filed by Applicants on December 9, 2008, and the Advisory Action mailed December 19, 2008, Applicants submit herewith a Request for Continued Examination, along with this Preliminary Amendment. Please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.